

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (original) A silane-containing polyvinyl alcohol comprising a completely hydrolyzed or partially hydrolyzed vinyl ester copolymer having a degree of hydrolysis of from 75 to 100 mol%, obtained by free radical polymerization of
 - a) one or more vinyl esters of straight-chain or branched alkane carboxylic acids having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, of which an amount of from 1 to 30 mol%, based on total polymer, are one or more 1-alkylvinyl esters of C₁₋₆ carboxylic acids, where the 1-alkyl groups are C₁₋₆ alkyl radicals;
 - b) from 0.01 to 10 mol% of one or more silane-containing, ethylenically unsaturated monomers, and
 - c) optionally further comonomers copolymerizable therewith,and hydrolysis of the polymers obtained thereby.
2. (original) The silane-containing polyvinyl alcohol of claim 1, wherein the vinyl ester a) comprises vinyl acetate.
3. (original) The silane-containing polyvinyl alcohol of claim 1, wherein the 1-alkylvinyl ester comprises 1-methylvinyl acetate.
4. (original) The silane-containing polyvinyl alcohol of claim 1, having a Höppler viscosity according to DIN 53015, as 4% by weight aqueous solution of from 2 to 50 mPas.
5. (currently amended) The silane-containing polyvinyl alcohol of claim 1, wherein at least one silane-containing, ethylenically unsaturated monomers is selected from

the group consisting of ethylenically unsaturated silicon compounds of the general formula $R^1SiR^2_{0-2}(OR^3)_{1-3}$, in which each R^1 is independently $CH_2=CR^4-(CH_2)_{0-1}$ or $CH_2=CR^4CO_2(CH_2)_{1-3}$, each R^2 independently is a C_{1-3} $[[C_1\text{- to } C_3]]$ -alkyl radical, C_{1-3} $[[C_1\text{- to } C_3]]$ -alkoxy radical, or halogen, each R^3 independently is an optionally branched, optionally substituted C_{1-12} alkyl radical $[[12]]$ or a C_{2-12} acyl radical $[[R_3]]$ optionally be interrupted by an ether group, and each R^4 is independently H or CH_3 , and a (meth)acrylamide containing silane groups of the formula $CH_2=CR^5-CO-NR^6-R^7-SiR^8_m-(R^9)_{3-m}$, in which $m = 0$ to 2 , each R^5 is independently H or a methyl group, each R^6 is independently H or a C_{1-5} alkyl group, each R^7 is independently a C_{1-5} alkylene group or a bivalent organic group in which the carbon chain is interrupted by an O or N atom, each R^8 is independently a C_{1-5} alkyl group, and each R^9 is independently a C_{1-40} alkoxy group optionally containing ~~substituted by~~ further ~~heterocycles~~ heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of O, N, S, or P.

6. (original) The silane-containing polyvinyl alcohols of claim 1, wherein said polymerization is a mass polymerization, a suspension polymerization or a polymerization in organic solvents.

7. (original) In a coating slip wherein a polymeric binder is employed, the improvement comprising selecting as at least one polymeric binder, a silane-containing polyvinyl alcohol of claim 1.

8. (original) In a coating slip wherein a polymeric binder is employed, the improvement comprising selecting as at least one polymeric binder, a silane-containing polyvinyl alcohol of claim 2.

9. (original) In a coating slip wherein a polymeric binder is employed, the improvement comprising selecting as at least one polymeric binder, a silane-containing polyvinyl alcohol of claim 3.

10. (original) In a coating slip wherein a polymeric binder is employed, the improvement comprising selecting as at least one polymeric binder, a silane-containing polyvinyl alcohol of claim 4.

11. (original) In a coating slip wherein a polymeric binder is employed, the improvement comprising selecting as at least one polymeric binder, a silane-containing polyvinyl alcohol of claim 5.

12. (original) A coating slip-coated substrate, comprising a substrate and the coating slip of claim 7.

13. (original) The coating slip-coated substrate of claim 12, wherein the substrate comprises paper, plastics-coated paper, or a plastics foil.

14. (original) The coating slip-coated substrate of claim 12, wherein the substrate is paper.

15. (original) The coating slip-coated substrate of claim 12, wherein said coating slip-coated substrate is suitable for use in ink jet printing.